

Ulster County Citizens Police Academy



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SESSION VIII

The Citizen's Police Academy is a ten-week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the law enforcement function within Ulster County. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week, on **Monday** evenings, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Each class size is limited to approximately 40 attendees. There is no cost to anyone who enrolls.

The classes will provide an in-depth view into various aspects of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in Ulster County, and how to develop a partnership with law enforcement. This program also allows the participants a unique "hands-on" opportunity in a variety of law enforcement tasks and responsibilities.

Goals

- To create a better understanding and communication between the citizens and police through education.
- To develop a partnership between the citizens and police in order to establish a safer community.

Benefits

When residents take a more personal interest in the protection of their community and neighborhoods, they will enjoy a safer and closer relationship with their neighbors. Upon completion of the course, graduates receive a diploma and a class photo.

Why?

Community Oriented Policing plays an important and vital role in reducing crime in any community. Therefore, the Ulster County Law Enforcement Training Group and Ulster County Community College instituted the Citizen's Police Academy to improve communication and obtain input and support throughout the county. It is our hope that the graduates will become partners with us in identifying problems and solutions to the crime issues that are affecting our community. Graduates will take their knowledge back into their neighborhoods where they can use it to enhance the quality of neighborhood life.

Who Can Attend?

Individuals who apply for the Citizen's Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age. They must also live, work, or own property in Ulster County.

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Curriculum Summary

- Law enforcement Overview
- Criminal Justice System
- Patrol Procedures / Traffic Laws - Accident Investigations
- Domestic Violence / Victim Services
- Criminal Investigations
- Elements of Offenses
- Juvenile Investigations
- Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving
- Police Survival Skills / Self Defense
- School Resource Officer/ D.A.R.E/ G.R.E.A.T.
- Internet safety
- Communications/ Corrections/ Enhanced 9-1-1 System
- Weekly "Meet the Chief" Discussions

Instructors include members of the law enforcement agencies within Ulster County.

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Curriculum

Week 1- Introduction to Academy-Housekeeping
(April 18) Overview of Criminal Justice System-Police, Courts, and Corrections
Police/Peace Officer Professional Standards-Hiring and Training

Week 2- Patrol Function
(April 25) Traffic Enforcement

Week 3- Specialized Units
(May 2) K-9/ S.W.A.T./ Marine

Week 4- Criminal Investigations
(May 9) Forensics
Victim/Witness Services

Week 5- Narcotics Enforcement
(May 16) Gang Violence

Week 6- Use of Force
(May 23)

** No class on May 30, 2016 – Memorial Day Observance*

Week 7- Officer Survival/Decision Making
(June 6)

Week 8- Emergency Dispatch-911 Center
(June 13) Corrections- Ulster County Jail

Week 9- Community Programs (D.A.R.E.)
(June 20) Internet Safety

Week 10- School Resource Officers
(June 27) **Graduation and Ceremony**